MARQUETTE BUILDING

140 South Dearborn Street, Chicago

Built in 1893-1894 from designs by Holabird and Roche, this 16-story office tower is an exemplary manifestation of the then-new steel frame technology that demanded rethinking of architectural theories. Long horizontal bays of glass indicate that the masonry walls are non-load-bearing, and the grid like pattern of narrow frames and spandrels proclaims the steel frame. Unlike many buildings of its time and place, the Marquette also contains important decorative detailing of the period.